

MANILA OBJECT OF FLEET'S TRIP, OFFICERS THINK

Reorganization of Armada Occupies Attention of Men of Navy.

Admiral "Bob" Evans and his battle-ship fleet will go to the Philippines, it is believed, and three-fourths of it, all except the division under command of Rear Admiral Sperry, will return to the Atlantic Coast by way of the Suez canal.

Despite the official denial of a probable division of the fleet, and the possibility of its going to the Philippines and then back to the Atlantic by way of the Suez canal, this is believed to be the present plan of those in authority. The ultimate destination of the fleet and the question as to whether it will be kept intact has been much discussed at the department recently, as well as in the newspapers, and the statement that there will be a division and that Admiral Evans will return via the Suez canal is well founded.

Special Orders Given.

It is said on good authority that special orders have been given in regard to the ultimate disposition of the ships beyond the itinerary, which contemplates the arrival of the vessels at Magdalena bay next April. All the vessels will remain for a time on the Pacific coast, but it has been practically decided, it is said, that if the entire fleet goes to Asiatic waters and thence through the Suez, Admiral Sperry's division, the fourth, will be detached upon arrival at the Asiatic station, and if the return trip is made by way of the Horn, this division will be detached and ordered across the Pacific. The ships destined for duty on the Asiatic station are the Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, and Illinois. Admiral Sperry will remain in command while they are on the Asiatic station.

A general shake-up of the officers of the fleet is contemplated upon its arrival at San Francisco, but these changes will not affect the commanding officers. The changes affect other officers whose tours of duty almost expire, or whose retention on board ship for longer or shorter periods justifies a transfer. This is evidently with a view of giving the vessels of the present fourth division, officers who will remain attached to those ships for the required period while on duty in the Far East. There are on board the various vessels of the Atlantic fleet officers and men who are destined for duty on the Pacific fleet, and their transportation is accomplished by the cruise without additional cost to the department.

Evans May Keep Command.

There is some interesting gossip as to whether the vessels of the Atlantic fleet will return to the Atlantic coast under a new commander-in-chief. Rear Admiral Evans will be retired August 18, 1908, when he reaches the age limit of sixty-two years, unless some arrangement is made for a delay. His retirement, if he is retired, may not change the situation in the least, and he may continue to command the fleet. Whether this will be authorized or whether his retirement will be delayed is a question.

Announcement was made by the Navy Department yesterday of a new organization of the Pacific fleet. The only changes are in the assignment of vessels to bring the formation up to date, no changes in the personnel being contemplated. Rear Admiral James H. Day-ton remains in command.

Reorganization Significant.

The reorganization of this fleet is regarded as an indication of the improbability of the keeping of the fleet on the Pacific coast. It is believed this plan contemplates but a short stay for Admiral Evans on the Pacific station.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf and Admiral Brownson, as well as the President, vehemently deny, however, that any plan have been made for the battle-ship fleet beyond San Francisco.

Still another vessel is making the long trip around the Horn, but in the reverse direction of the big fleet. The cruiser Chicago is on her way to the Atlantic coast from San Francisco, and under any other circumstances her cruise would attract unusual attention.

Madison Hall Girls Who Don't Go Home Will Have Gay Time



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TWO CHARMING GUNSTON HALL STUDENTS.
Miss Gertrude Woodward. Miss Helen Martin.

Christmas Tree Party and Informal Dance Among Diversions Planned.

An enjoyable luncheon was given by Mrs. Martindell, principal of the Florence School, last Thursday in honor of the pupils. The girls gave a delightful Christmas party, features of which was a tree, and presents and remembrances for the teachers and pupils.

A number of the girls of the Madison Hall Seminary last Saturday assisted in the recital given by their teacher of voice, Prof. Kaspar, in his studio on First street. The four Madison Hall girls who took leading parts were Miss Ruby Todd Thurmon, Miss May Lee Rowan, Miss Hattie Harrison, and Miss Nannie Rose Moss.

The meeting of the Thilo Mathis Society was held last Monday, when an enjoyable literary program was rendered. Most of the girls will remain at the school for the holidays, as their homes are in the far South. Those who are to spend their vacations at home left Thursday. Miss Irma Reid returned to her home in Norfolk, accompanied by Miss May Lee Rowan; Miss Nannie Rose Moss has also gone home to Virginia, while Miss Grace Mays will visit friends in Wilmington, Del.

Many entertainments have been planned for the girls—a Christmas tree party and informal dance Christmas night, several theater parties, and a reception on New Year night, to which the friends of the girls will be invited.

The girls of the National Cathedral School are delighted with the success of their doll sale last Friday. They will use the proceeds to buy presents and the several charitable institutions in which they are very much interested. The prize for the most original doll was won by Miss Olga White, and for the best sewing by Miss Van Gundy, one of the teachers.

The pupils of the primary class of the Martha Washington Seminary gave an entertainment to the older girls, when the school closed for the holidays. Mrs. Thompson will give a series of informal teas on the Thursdays in January to the different classes, beginning with the senior class. The principals are planning recitals, musicales, and dramatics for the entertainment of the girls after the holidays.

The principal of the school, Mr. Thompson, will entertain the Washington alumni of Wesleyan College during New Year week.

The girls in the French House of the Chevy Chase and Bristol Schools gave a delightful Christmas tree party to the girls of the English House at the closing of the schools. An informal dance and some musical numbers were other features of the evening.

Plays and parties and musicales were the features of the closing week of

Gunston Hall. Some of the girls have departed for their homes, although many of the pupils reside here in Washington.

A Christmas tree party was given by the pupils of Miss Sallie Lewin's School. The girls of the Cephaloporean Society are doing much head, heart, and hand work during this season of the year.

The twelve members of the Art Club of the Immaculate Seminary held an open meeting last Wednesday. The entertainment for the evening consisted in the exhibition of work of the pupils of the school, the reading of papers on the subject of art, and an open discussion of the work of the old and new masters. The work of the pupils was much admired by the audience, notably that of Senorita Mata, Miss Kengla, and Miss Sargeant. The school closed for the holidays Friday and will reopen January 5.

The pupils of the Lippincott and Baker School gave their annual entertainment in Rauscher's Hall last Wednesday at 4:30 o'clock. Each pupil took part in the recitations, singing of Christmas carols, and physical culture drills. The French recitation by Miss Mildred Zell was particularly enjoyable. The star and fairy drills were very pretty. After the drills and other entertainment the pupils held a reception in honor of their parents and guests.

The girls of the Washington College gave an informal Christmas party and dance to a few guests before closing of school for the holidays.

The date of the dance to be given by the seniors of the George Washington University has been postponed from December 21 until January 2. The girls are making elaborate preparations for the decoration and entertainment, and hope to make it the feature of the college year.

Miss Matthews, assistant librarian in the College of Art and Sciences, will form a private class for the study of library science immediately after the holidays. Many of the girls have already elected to take this course.

The junior class entertained the rest of the college and friends in the Woman's building Thursday evening at a dance. The girls have been planning the decorations for months, and were amply repaid for their efforts by the success of the entertainments.

The girls are putting much effort in the preparation for a ball they are to give after Christmas for the benefit of the Athletic Association. This ball is given each year by the girls, and is considered one of the most enjoyable events of the social life of the college. There is talk of the organization of an amateur dramatic club, and some of the girls are very enthusiastic at the idea.

The pupils of the Hamilton Institute entertained a few of their friends at the closing exercises of the school last week. Music and recitations were features of the entertainment.

SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY PLANS RACE DISCUSSION

The second annual meeting of the American Sociological Society will be held at Madison, Wis., during the Christmas holidays and will be devoted wholly to a discussion on various forms of "Social Conflict."

Prof. Turner, of the University of Wisconsin, will discuss "Sectional Conflict." Prof. Thomas, of the University of Chicago, will treat of "Conflict Between Occidentals and Orientals." Dr. Alfred H. Stone, of this city, will present an elaborate discussion of "Conflict Between Blacks and Whites." Prof. Giddings, of Columbia University, will talk upon "Culture Conflict." Prof. Keasbey, of the University of Texas, will treat of "Competition," and Prof. Commons, of the University of Wisconsin, has a paper on "Class Conflict."

Among the Washingtonians who will attend the convention are Prof. Veditz, Willis, and McBain, of the George Washington University; Dr. Stone, of the Bureau of Corporations, and the Commissioner of Labor, Dr. Neill. Prof. Veditz is the secretary of the Sociological Association, which he founded in 1906. The first session of the society will be held next Saturday when Prof. Carver, of Harvard, presents a paper on "The Basis of Social Conflict."

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Woman Gets a Ducking, Gets Shot at for Duck, But Saves Family Wash

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 21.—A cal barge tow is something like a large steamer when it gets under way. Every barge has a captain, every captain has a wife, a dog, a few cats, some children, some washing to be done, and hunger for the next meal.

This particular coal barge tow was moving slowly down the Sound, between Milford and Bridgeport, last evening.

Mrs. Captain Malberg was hanging out the family wash on barge No. 5. Mrs. Captain Petersen was peeling potatoes and singing songs on No. 2. Mrs. Captain Cronin was getting early dinner on No. 3, and Mrs. Capt. Edwards Thompson was wondering what there would be to cook for dinner on the last barge in the string.

Just then Mrs. Captain Malberg, way up forward, went by the board with a line of family washing in her hand. She screamed for help as she went down, but the line of wash and her own clothing held her up. She floated past Mrs. Petersen at her potatoes, Mrs. Cronin at her dinner, and Mrs. Thompson doing nothing. They didn't see her nor hear her.

"There's a duck, Mary," cried Captain Thompson, running for his shotgun. He saw Mrs. Malberg bobbing around in the water with the clothes line, and

SAYS HUSBAND WAS CRUEL; ARREST FOLLOWS HER SUIT

MINNEOLA, L. I., Dec. 21.—Allan Hawkins Pierce, son of Carlson Pierce, a Chicago millionaire, was arrested today in the suit brought against him for separation on the grounds of cruelty and desertion by his wife, Hazel B. Pierce.

The warrant was issued by Supreme Court Justice Greenawald.

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